

REMARKS

The Official Action dated March 17, 2006 has been carefully considered. The allowance of claims 12-24, 27-35, 37, 38, 44 and 45 is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated. The changes presented herein, taken with the following remarks, are believed sufficient to place the present application in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested as it cancels claims and makes changes of form to comply with an objection set forth in the Official Action. Entry of the amendment, reconsideration and an early allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner objected to claim 25 due to a grammatical informality, but noted that it would be allowable if rewritten. By present amendment, the word “are” has been corrected to “is”, in accordance with the suggestion of the Examiner. The objection has been traversed, and claim 25 is now in allowable form. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-11 and 39-43 as being anticipated by McClure (US 4,512,040) or being unpatentable in light of McClure in view of Holmen (US 6,986,763). The rejection is traversed. While the Applicant does not agree with the Examiner’s assertion that McClure anticipates the lens of the present invention, claims 1-11 and 39-43 are canceled by the present amendment. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, the objections and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 103(a) have been traversed with respect to all claims, and the remaining claims have been allowed or are allowable in present form. It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the objections and rejections, and places the present application in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested as it cancels claims and makes changes of form to comply with an objection set forth in the previous Official Action. Reconsideration and an early allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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